HAVE WE BETRAYED HAWAIL

The action of Commissioner Blount in hauling down the stars and stripes in Hawaii has given rise to a variety of comments. It is considered at the first blush to have been an unpatriotic proceeding. Mr. Blount is undoubtedly acting under the instructions of President Cleveland and his Socretary of State, although Mr. Gresham yesterday pleaded ignorance of the real situation of Hawaii. Mr. Carter, one of the Hawaitan Annexation Commissioners, expressed the general sentiment of our people when he said last night, referring to the United States flag in Hawait: "We had hoped when it was once hoisted, that annexation would be accomplished, and that it might never again be hauled down.

There are a number of reasons conceivable for the action of Mr. Blount. 00 It is stated upon good authority that the Commissioner was sent to Hawaii with specific instructions to "sit down on the annexation of the Saudwich Islands, and, above all, to find a way to best the treaty." This is explained by some as intended to afford Mr. Cleveland an opportunity to act upon the rlawaiian negotiations de novo. This is extremely puerile, and exhibits a childish capriciousness entirely incompatible with the dignity always associated with the Chief Magistracy of the nation.

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It is hinted that Mr. Cleveland is conniving at the restoration of the royalists for reasons known only to himself and his confidential associates. This would not only be an unwarranted interference with a foreign power, but as well an outrageous betrayal of the confidence and interests of the best citizens of Hawaii, most of whom are native Americans, who asked the protection of our flag and forces in the maintenance of peace and order and the security of their fives and property when the royal regime became too rotten to hold together. It would be also an indorsement of the weak and wicked legislation of Liliuokalani's government. which sought to re-establish despotic rule, denying to the white population the right of suffrage, and the last act of which turned over, substantially, the entire country to the Louisiana Lottery Company. And lastly it is intimated that behind the action of Commissioner Blount is the influence of the Sugar Trust, which has been in great fear that annexation would result in the establishment of sugar refineries on the islands. We cannot believe, however, that such a mercenary and corrupt consideration could have any weight with the government at Washington. In any event, the action of Mr

Blount was a precipitate proceeding entirely uncalled for under existing circumstances. The Hawaii Addexation Commissioners were still in this country, and we had reached no definite conclusion as to their proposals. The Provisional Government had placed itself under our protection pending negotiations, and we had accepted the trust. By hauling down the United States flag and removing our marines we wantenly exposed the Provisiona Government to attacks by the royalists, for which they have felt no necessity to provide while under our protection. This unpatriotic proceeding leaves both parties in Hawaii at daggers' point and free to enter into all sorts of negotiations with other powers looking to foreign alliance.

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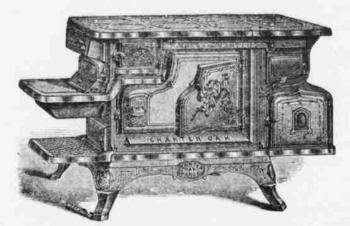
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